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## RIVAL ARMIES FACE TO FACE

## MERCHANTS TO BOMBARD WASHINGTON WITH DATA



JAPANESE REMOVING THEIR DEAD FROM THE WIRE-ENTANGLED HEIGHTS CAPTURED FROM THE RUSSIANS.

When the extraordinary difficulties of carrying the Russian positions at Nan-shan are considered, the Japanese valor and recklessness of life appear little short of sublime. The guns had to be approached through a network of wire entanglements, and within this zone the carnage was tremendous.

### Japanese and Russian Outposts Are Within Four Miles of Each Other.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS)

MUKDEN, Aug. 20.—A battle is again imminent as the advance posts of the contending armies are only four miles apart.

#### JAPAN'S SMALL LOSSES.

TOKIO, Aug. 20.—Two officers and thirty-two men were wounded in the naval engagement of the 14th between Kamimura's ships and the Vladivostok squadron.

#### AFTERNOON REPORT.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 19. The missing cruiser Pallada is reported to be at Port Arthur.

TOKIO, Aug. 19.—The Government is being urged to dispatch a squadron to Shanghai to seize the Russian cruiser Askold.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 19.—The naval reverses of the Russian fleets in the Far East have created despair in official circles and among the people. The churches are crowded with mourners.

Washington, August 19, 1904.

Received at 11:15 a. m.

To Japanese Consul, Honolulu:

According to the report of our watch tower near Port Arthur, a Russian gunboat of the Otavny type struck mines and sunk off Laoteishan at 7:52 p. m. of August 18th.

TAKAHIRA.

The Otavny, or Otavshni, is a coast defense vessel.

### CAPTURE OF PARAGUAY'S MINISTER OF WAR

ASUNCION, Aug. 20.—The insurgents have seized a steamer carrying the Paraguayan Minister of War and an escort. Two thousand insurgents are now approaching the city.

### FATAL DESERT CLOUDBURST.

EL PASO, Aug. 20.—Seven people have been killed by a cloudburst in Arizona.

### MINISTER BOWEN MAKES DEMANDS ON VENEZUELA

CARACAS, Aug. 20.—Minister Bowen has requested the government of Venezuela to remove the receiver appointed to control the American asphalt concession and return it to the owners.

### REGULARS AND MILITIA FIGHT.

ATHENS, O., Aug. 20.—In a fight here between regulars and militia, one militiaman was killed and three hurt.

### DESERT MARRIAGE-BROKERS SPEEDILY PUT TO THE SWORD

ALGIERS, Aug. 20.—Eighty-three horsemen sent by the Pretender to Buezzagora, a desert chieftain, to demand the hand of his daughter, have been murdered.

### CUPID'S FORMER SECRETARY NOW ON HIS WAY HOME

The wife of Morris Keohokalole, the private secretary whom Delegate Kuhio left stranded in Washington, has raised money and sent it to him. She says that the Delegate himself ultimately drew the \$100 per month which the Government had paid her husband to be his secretary. Morris is now on his way home and will be used to advantage by the Democrats in the coming campaign. The maid who accompanied Delegate and Mrs. Kuhio to Washington and who was also stranded, has finally returned and is supplying the Democrats, so Chairman Turrell says, with excellent campaign material.



Hon. Thomas E. Watson. Mr. Eugene V. Debs. Rev. Dr. Silas C. Swallow. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES OF THREE SMALLER PARTIES.

### Association Presents Views to Governor on Causes of Business Depression in Honolulu and Points Way Out of Difficulty.

Important matters were considered and acted upon yesterday by the Merchants' Association, principal of which was a letter addressed to Governor Carter in which his attention was called to the depression in business circles, the loss of customs revenues, the enforced territorial expenditure on the harbor of Honolulu, the decrease in population among the Portuguese workers especially, the necessity for a Federal building, naval station at Pearl Harbor, fortifications and army post, a breakwater at Hilo and continued transport service via this port. The association also resolved to address the secretary of the navy through the Congressional Delegate to have the Pacific and Asiatic fleets meet here next winter for maneuvers.

The report to Governor Carter was made by a special committee appointed to reply to a letter from Acting Governor Atkinson in regard to what the merchants of Honolulu desired to be sent to Washington in Governor Carter's report. The committee prefaced its report with the statement that the wholesale and retail business men have faced a serious depression in the past two years, and that there are many causes conspiring to bring about the present discouraging state of affairs. One was the loss of Customs revenues amounting to about \$5,000,000, the aggregate of four years. The dredging of Honolulu harbor has been an enforced load upon the territory, together with the maintenance of the lighthouses.

The committee showed that there was an inconsistent showing made by a comparison of receipts and returns by the United States government. For instance, the Federal Government collected annually from Hawaii, \$8.52 per capita; and expended annually per capita for its mainland population, \$7.97 and per capita for the Hawaiian population, \$1.62. There was noted a marked decrease in the population especially in the Portuguese colony, a working class of value to the business interests. The Portuguese, or large numbers of them, had been compelled to seek work in other countries on account of the local government being unable to carry on necessary work on public buildings, roads and bridges, on account of shortage of funds in the treasury.

The committee thought that in order to bring business back to its former flourishing condition, and in view of the large amount of capital derived from Hawaii by the Federal government, Congress should be memorialized with a view of obtaining a fair proportion of Uncle Sam's receipts to be expended in necessary improvements here.

It was the opinion of the committee that this money should be expended in the following manner: First, to carry on dredging work and enlarging Honolulu harbor so that the port can dock the largest merchant and naval vessels; second, a commodious Federal building to accommodate the Customs department, postoffice, courts and administrative bureaus; third, to establish a naval station at Pearl Harbor,

opening the locks to practical use and making it possible for the direct shipment of 100,000 tons of produce from there annually; fourth, to erect fortifications and establish an army post, although the committee suggested that there was assurance of these items being favorably considered; fifth, a breakwater at Hilo, the only possible harbor for Hawaii.

All this would give work to mechanics upon whom the mercantile interests depend for the life of trade.

The committee made a particular request of the Governor that he exert his influence with the Navy and War departments to give the Honolulu merchants an opportunity to furnish supplies for the transports and warships instead of the department shipping goods to Honolulu to meet vessels expected to arrive here, notwithstanding the fact that local competition would in the majority of cases result in a saving to the department.

The committee suggested that the Territorial government make up an account against the Federal government for each and every item expended for lighthouses and buoys from June 14, 1900, to the date on which this service was taken over by the Federal government, have their correctness vouched for by the proper Federal officer here and sent to Washington. This amount was said to be \$43,421.76. The same action was recommended in the dredging expense on Honolulu harbor for the same time, the amount being \$132,000, the total on both being \$175,420.

The above recommendations were made as being absolutely necessary to restore and put into circulation a part of the large revenue received by the Federal government from Hawaii. Under present conditions, unless relief is obtained, more serious depression will follow. The report was adopted.

#### ADVANCE HARBOR PROJECT.

George B. McClellan stated that he had held a conference with Lieut. Slattery, U. S. A., engineer officer attached to the Naval Station, concerning harbor improvement, in which Lieut. Slattery said he was greatly interested in the matter and thought there was sufficient data on hand here to prepare a report on the same to be forwarded to Washington to be placed before Congress for an appropriation. This course was deemed wise as it would not necessitate Congress passing an act calling for a survey. This would save a great deal of time.

#### SLATTERY WOULD ASSIST.

The following letter from Lieut. Slattery to Delegate Kalaniana'ole was read: United States Engineer Office, Room 65, Young Building, Honolulu, T. H., August 9th, 1904. Hon. J. Kalaniana'ole, Honolulu, T. H.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 30th ult., and to inform you that there is now on file in this office a map compiled from recent surveys, which renders further surveys for the purpose of preparing a project for the improvement of Honolulu harbor unnecessary. The only additional data required could be obtained without cost from contractors who heretofore have carried on dredging operations in the harbor. In preparing a project, it would be necessary to employ my draftsman for two or three days on the work. Strictly speaking his pay for that time should be paid from funds especially appropriated for that work, but owing to the very short duration of this time, and the fact that no additional expense would be incurred by the office, it would seem unnecessary to obtain a special appropriation for that purpose.

It is therefore my opinion that a project could be prepared without any special appropriation. It would require about two weeks time.

Very respectfully, J. R. SLATTERY.

1st. Lt. Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.

#### HARBOR IMPROVEMENT.

Goer. B. McClellan presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Whereas the recent experiences of some of the large steamers calling at this port have demonstrated the entire inadequacy of Honolulu Harbor facilities

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